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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

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A RESOLUTION to commend Tom Leatherwood for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as the former Senator from the 32nd Senatorial District.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, former Senator Tom Leatherwood is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Memphis, Senator Leatherwood is a highly respected member of the Memphis-Shelby County community, who, by profession, is an insurance and investments agent for New England Financial Insurance and Investments; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a servant of the people, Senator Leatherwood has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset and leader to his community; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the 98th through the 101st General Assemblies, Senator Leatherwood served the good people of the 32nd Senatorial District with great wisdom, acumen, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, an honorable man, Senator Leatherwood took his oath of office and elected duties very seriously, as he was the very epitome of the compassionate and dedicated legislator; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Tennessee Senate, Senator Tom Leatherwood served with distinction as a valuable member of the Senate Government Operations Committee and as the Vice Chairman of the Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee; he also served as the Assistant Leader for the Senate Republican Caucus; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Senator Leatherwood is a former member of the Millington Central High School PTSA Board, a member of the Bellevue Baptist Church and serves on the Advisory Boards of Life Choices and Heart to Heart; and

WHEREAS, Senator Leatherwood's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Memphis, Sen. Leatherwood holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology, and a teaching certificate from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming an educator in the Shelby County School System, where he taught for eight years, Senator Leatherwood spent several years in the oil exploration industry; he fulfilled a life-long dream of world travel by spending fourteen months backpacking to a total of twenty-five countries; after his trip, Senator Leatherwood came back to the United States with a great realization and better appreciation of the many freedoms and blessings our nation enjoys, and frequently takes for granted; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Tom Leatherwood is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Melissa, and their children, Celia, Hannah, Mandi, and Mary Kate; and

WHEREAS, Tom Leatherwood is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service, thus evident in his past tenure in the state Senate where he rendered sagacious and loyal service to the state of Tennessee and it's citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend former State Senator Tom Leatherwood for his honorable and astute service to the good people of the 32nd Senatorial District saluting his unswerving commitment as a public servant to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.